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## Assassination of Commodus

Pertinax made emperor by  
the Praetorians (first of the  
"Praetorian emperors")

180-192AD

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COMMODOUS  
Emperor

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In the summer games

Commodus appeared in the guise of Hercules VENATOR, shooting at wild beasts from the safety of a raised walkway or descending to the floor to kill other animals. He also fought as gladiator with wooden shield & sword, receiving a million sesterces from the gladiatorial fund for each appearance.

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Commodus participated  
in Plebeian Games

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Twenty-five emperors were  
elected and enthroned by  
the Army. All but 4 met  
with a death of violence.  
Patricianism was fast dying  
out.

Pertinax a Senator, became  
ruler, but was slain by  
soldiers in 3 months and

the Roman throne was sold to  
the highest bidder - DIDIUS  
JULIANUS, but he was driven out  
after ruling 2 months by  
Septimius Severus, then commanding  
the soldiers of the East.

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Gordon II born: place unknown